

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal is requested for the following reasons of the restriction requirement between the Group I claims drawn to a method of forming a cap and a container, Group II claims drawn to a fuel tank and closure, and Group III claims drawn to a blow mold.

Even though distinct and separately classified, all of the claims are so closely related in subject matter that they may be readily searched, considered and their patentability evaluated in one application without undue effort by the Patent Office and this would best serve the interest of applicant and the public interest by maintaining all of these closely related claims in a single issued patent.

Furthermore, with respect to the inventions of Groups I and II, the method tank claims are merely different ways of claiming substantially the same subject matter with the tank multilayer wall construction simply being a species of or more restricted than the definition of the subject matter of the broader method of making the container and cap. Accordingly, the subject matter of Group I and II claims is so closely related, that the Group II tank and cap claims can be readily examined in connection with the elected method claims.

Conclusion

For these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested with respect to all the claims and particularly with respect to the Group I method claims 1-5, 10-13 and the Group II fuel tank and cap claims 6-9 and 14-16.

Respectfully submitted,

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